

# Transition Words

- In an **accordion paragraph** you will need a transition each time you introduce a new reason/detail/fact.
- Use the **transition sets** below when you write a paragraph. Words in these sets may be mixed. **Vary** and **bury** them.
- Read your paragraph aloud. This way you will know if you have selected a transition that fits and makes sense.

## Basic Transition Sets:

first • second • third	first • in addition • finally
one • another • next	first • also • besides
first of all • also	one • the other
first • then	the first • a second
at first • after	one example • another example
one • equally important	a good example • a better example
one • another • last	an important • an equally important

## Advanced Transition Sets:

a good • a better • the best  
to begin • then • consequently  
it started when • as a result • then • therefore  
at the beginning • then • following this • finally  
one way • another way • a final method  
one • one other • along with • last  
in the first place • after that • later on • at last  
one important • another important • the most important  
initially • then • after that  
a bad • a worse • the worst  
as soon as • next • later • in the end  
to begin • at the same time • finally  
first of all • besides • in addition  
to start • furthermore • additionally • last  
first • along with • likewise

# Closing Words

## What to do:

- **Restate** your position; remind the reader of your topic.
- Use **key words** from your topic sentence.
- **Summarize** your paragraph, **convince** the readers of your position, **challenge** them to think about the issue, or **encourage** them to take action.

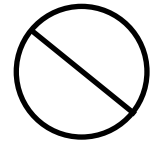
## What to avoid:

- Introducing a new topic.
- Phrases such as...

*-as I have said*

*-as I proved*

*-as you can see*



## Helpful Words and Phrases:

all in all	in fact
altogether	obviously
certainly	overall
clearly	surely
consequently	therefore
definitely	thus
due to	to sum up
in conclusion	truly
indeed	ultimately